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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1022

Introduced by: Representatives Frost, Duniphan, Elliott, Hansen (Tom), Hargens, Hennies (Thomas), Hundstad, Hunhoff, Jensen, Lintz, McCoy, Peterson (Bill), Pitts, Pummel, Rhoden, Sebert, Sigdestad, Slaughter, Smidt, Solum, Sutton (Duane), Teupel, Van Etten, and Van Gerpen and Senators Diedrich (Elmer), Albers, Apa, Bogue, Brosz, Brown (Arnold), Cradduck, Daugaard, de Hueck, Diedrich (Larry), Drake, Duxbury, Everist, Greenfield, Hagen, Ham, Hutmacher, Kleven, Koetzle, Koskan, Madden, McCracken, McIntyre, Moore, Munson, Olson (Ed), Putnam, Reedy, Staggers, Sutton (Dan), Symens, Vitter, and Volesky

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the National Motto of the United States.

2 WHEREAS, the National Motto of the United States of America is *In God We Trust*; and

3 WHEREAS, the National Motto was adopted in 1956 and is codified at 36 U.S.C.A. § 302;

4 and

5 WHEREAS, the National Motto reflects the traditional sentiment that we are a religious
6 people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being; and

7 WHEREAS, the sentiment *In God We Trust* is deeply interwoven into the fabric of our civil
8 polity; and

9 WHEREAS, the sentiment of the National Motto is as the Republic itself, and has always
10 been as integral a part of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution as the very
11 words of that charter of religious liberty; and



1 WHEREAS, that the Founding Fathers believed devotedly that there was a God, and that the
2 unalienable rights of man were rooted in Him, is clearly evidenced in their writings, from the
3 Mayflower Compact to the United States Constitution itself; and

4 WHEREAS, our national and state life reflects a religious people who earnestly pray that the
5 Supreme Lawgiver guide them in every measure which may be worthy of His blessing; and

6 WHEREAS, the National Motto serves the secular purpose of expressing confidence in the
7 future and encouraging the recognition of what is worthy of appreciation in society; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Motto appears on all coins and paper currency issued by the
9 United States government; and

10 WHEREAS, the words, *In God We Trust*, are over the entrance to the United States Senate
11 Chamber and are prominently engraved in the wall above the Speaker's dias in the chamber of
12 the United States House of Representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, on July 24, 2000, the United States of America, acting by and through Congress
14 assembled, did unanimously resolve to affirm its support for the National Motto and to support
15 and encourage the display of the National Motto in all public buildings and public schools:

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
17 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
18 Legislature of the State of South Dakota supports and encourages the public display of the
19 National Motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions
20 established or maintained at taxpayer expense within the state and declares its support for the
21 National Motto.